



Public's ideas sought at Delta Vision session in Long Beach

Public comment on balancing statewide water reliability and the Delta's fragile ecosystem will be solicited during a workshop tomorrow, Nov. 21. The workshop, [which will be webcast](#), will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Long Beach Convention Center. A second workshop will be held next month in Sacramento. "Finding a long-term solution to address the problems of the deteriorating Delta is critical to all Californians," said Delta Vision Committee Chair and Secretary for Resources Mike Chrisman. "No matter where you live in the state, these decisions will ultimately affect you – affect all of us."



Mike Chrisman,
Secretary for Resources

Torlakson honored for work on 'Great Delta Trail'

California State Sen. Tom Torlakson has received the annual National Trails Award for Public Service "in recognition of his vision in the creation and initial planning stages of the Great California Delta Trail." The senator will be given the award today during the Delta Protection Commission's meeting in Stockton. The DPC nominated him for the award. [For details of the award go here](#). The Delta trail system will link trails in the Bay Area with Sacramento River trails in Yolo and Sacramento counties and future trails in and around the Delta shorelines in five Delta counties. [For more trail information go here](#).



Tom Torlakson,
State Senator

Scientists to predict rain/snow outlook in webcast workshop

A Department of Water Resources weather-outlook workshop Friday in San Diego will be webcast. The session focuses on precipitation prospects for the rest of this water year. [You can find the webcast information here](#). The workshop brings together scientists to provide state water managers with an accurate prediction for water year 2009, from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. The workshop will run from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. [You can find workshop details here](#).

Climate change report calls on state to 'resolve' threats to Delta

The Public Policy Institute has published ***Adapting California's Water Management to Climate Change***, [and it is available online](#). Authors Ellen Hanak and Jay Lund report that two potential effects of climate change — accelerated sea level rise and a reduced Sierra snowpack — are the most certain. They write, "both (effects) will pose significant challenges for water supply and flood management. Water utilities have already begun to plan for these changes, but flood control agencies are lagging behind and face greater regulatory constraints. State leadership is needed to resolve some threats, including the risk of catastrophic failure in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta."

